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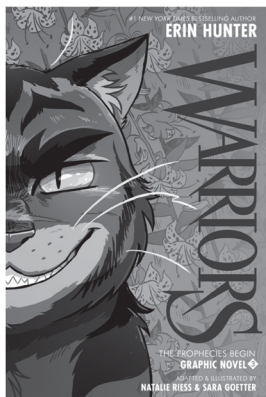
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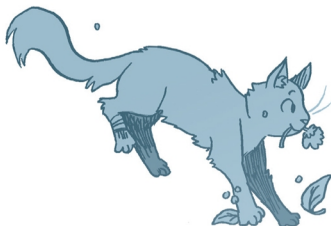
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FIRST EDITION



MOONS AGO...

DON'T  
WORRY.

WE'RE ALMOST  
THERE.











OAKHEART ISN'T  
TELLING ME YOUR  
WHOLE STORY,  
LITTLE ONES.

MEW!



SNIFF!

SNIFF!

THE SCENT'S FAINT,  
BUT UNMISTAKABLE.

THESE KITS...

...ARE FROM AN  
ENEMY CLAN.

PART ONE:  
**FOREST OF SECRETS**









I SENT FIREHEART TO  
GO GATHER SOME.



HISSS!

ROGUES?

NOW?!









YELLOWFANG TOLD ME  
TO FIND A PLANT WITH  
SOFT LEAVES AND AN  
IRRESISTABLE SCENT...



THERE!



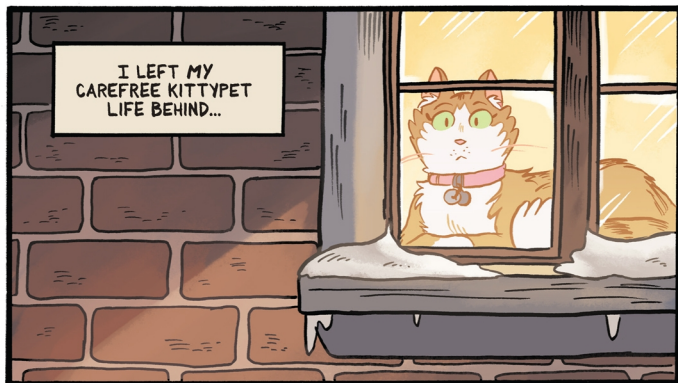
I REMEMBER THIS  
PLANT FROM WHEN  
I WAS A KIT...



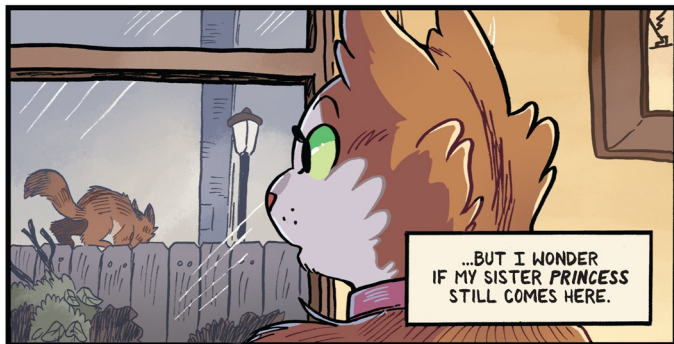
THANK STARCLAN  
IT'S STILL HERE!



I LEFT MY  
CAREFREE KITTYPET  
LIFE BEHIND...


















DUSTPAW CAME  
INTO CAMP AND SAID  
TIGERCLAW HAD  
SOMETHING BLUESTAR  
NEEDED TO SEE.



PREY SCRAPS  
ON THE SHADOWCLAN  
BORDER, EVIDENCE  
THEY WERE HUNTING IN  
OUR TERRITORY.




YELLOWFANG  
TURNED HIM AWAY,  
SAYING BLUESTAR  
WAS TOO SICK.



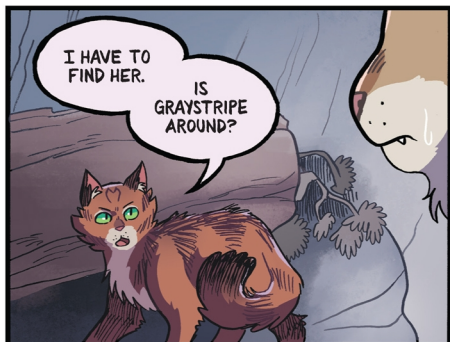
CINDERPAW AND I  
OVERHEARD THEM  
TALKING, AND...



I THINK...



...CINDERPAW SNUCK  
OUT TO GO FIND  
TIGERCLAW ON  
HER OWN!



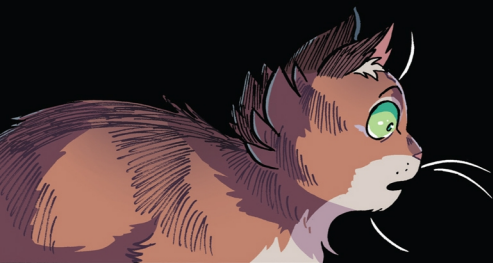




THERE'S  
TIGERCLAW!

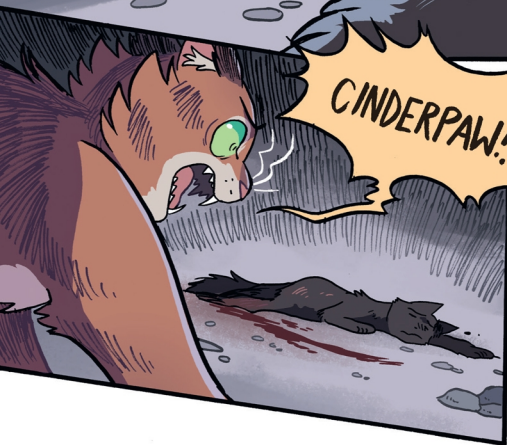


BUT NO  
SIGN OF...



...CINDERPAW?

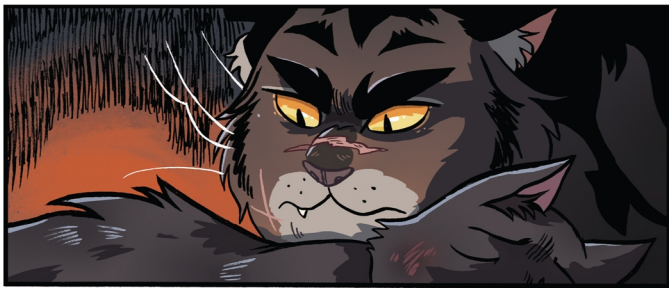




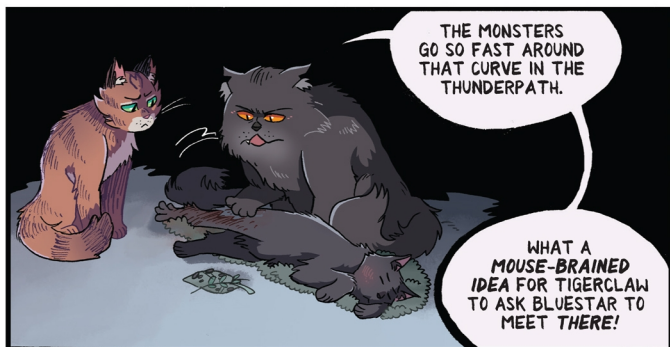
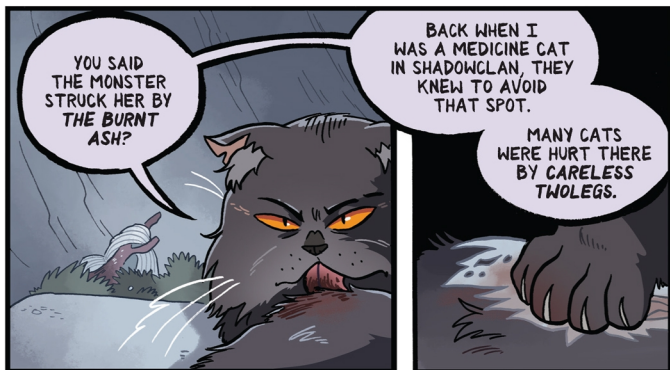
CINDERPAW!!

FIREHEART?













HMPH.

I'LL DO WHAT  
I CAN HERE, BUT  
I'M NOT MAKING  
ANY PROMISES.



AS FOR  
YOU...



YOU'VE BEEN  
ALL OVER THE  
TERRITORY  
TODAY.

YOU LOOK LIKE  
YESTERDAY'S  
FRESH-KILL.



GET SOME  
REST.



WHY DID TIGERCLAW  
NEED BLUESTAR OUT  
BY THE THUNDERPATH?

BLUESTAR TRUSTS HIM.  
SHE WOULD BELIEVE HER  
OWN DEPUTY ABOUT THE  
SHADOWCLAN EVIDENCE.

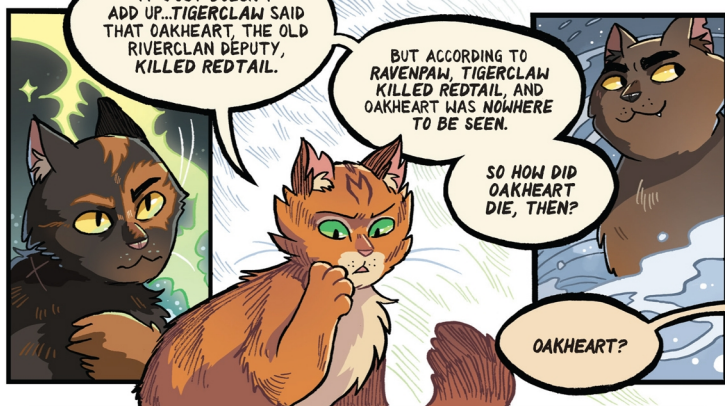


WAS HE HOPING SHE  
WOULD GET HIT BY A  
MONSTER, AND LOSE  
ANOTHER LIFE...

...BRINGING HIM ONE  
PAWSTEP CLOSER  
TO BEING LEADER  
OF THUNDERCLAN?

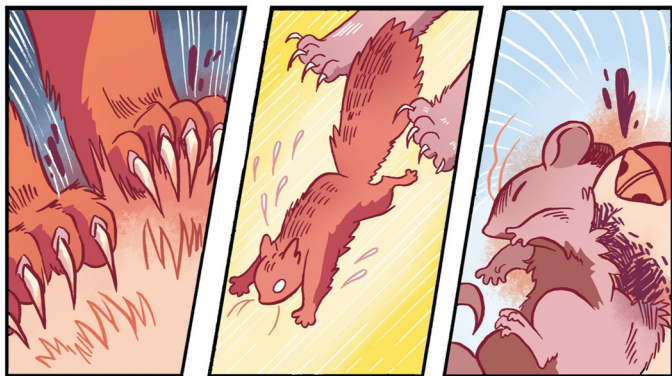












DO YOU THINK WE  
SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT  
YOUR APPRENTICE  
HUNTING WITH US?

OH,  
RIGHT...

...NEXT  
TIME.



MAYBE YOU CAN  
TAKE BRACKENPAW  
OUT FOR ME  
TOMORROW, SINCE  
CINDERPAW'S STILL  
RECOVERING?



YEAH.

MAYBE.



SHE'S BEEN  
HURT INSIDE AND  
HER HIND LEG IS  
BADLY BROKEN...

BUT  
I THINK  
SHE'LL LIVE.





AT LEAST SHE'S AS  
SPIRITED AS EVER.





RIVERCLAN'S  
CAMP IS ON AN  
ISLAND?

WHAT DO  
THEY DO WHEN  
IT THAWS?

SHH!

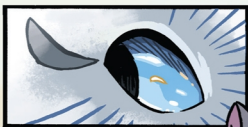


THEY SWIM,  
I GUESS.

YUCK!



≡RUSTLE!≡



I'M GOING TO  
HUNT AROUND  
HERE.

BLACKCLAW,  
HEAVYPAW, WHY  
DON'T YOU GO  
ON AHEAD?

SEE YOU LATER,  
SILVERSTREAM!

GOOD  
LUCK!













A ROCKFALL  
KILLED  
OAKHEART.



OUR MEDICINE CAT  
CONFIRMED IT.



SO IT WAS  
NO CAT'S  
FAULT...

WHAT?



NOTHING.

THAT'S WHAT  
I NEEDED  
TO KNOW.

THANK  
YOU BOTH.



THERE'S...

ONE MORE  
THING YOU OUGHT  
TO KNOW.



BUT IT'S FOR  
YOUR EARS ONLY,  
FIREHEART.



...CAME FROM  
THUNDERCLAN.



I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
DID HE--

OAKHEART  
WAS A BRAVE  
AND HONORABLE  
WARRIOR!

HE WOULD  
NEVER  
STEAL KITS!

WHY DID  
YOU TAKE  
THEM IN?

THEY  
WERE JUST  
KITS.

AND I  
TRUSTED  
OAKHEART.

I RAISED MISTYFOOT  
AND STONEFUR TO  
BE FINE AND LOYAL  
RIVERCLAN CATS.

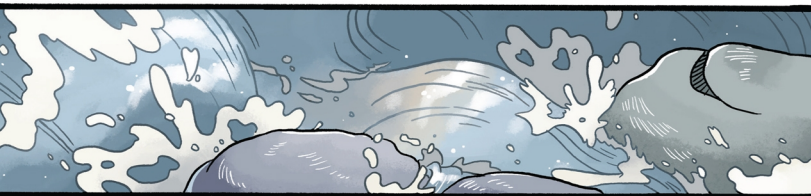
I LOVE THEM  
AS MUCH AS ANY  
OF MY OWN.

THEY DON'T  
KNOW AND I THINK  
THEY'RE BETTER  
OFF NOT KNOWING.









EXACTLY.

I CAN'T  
PROTECT  
GRAYSTRIPE IF  
THIS GETS OUT.

HE'S MY BEST  
FRIEND, AND HE  
WON'T LISTEN  
TO ME.

SO TALKING  
TO YOU IS MY  
LAST HOPE.

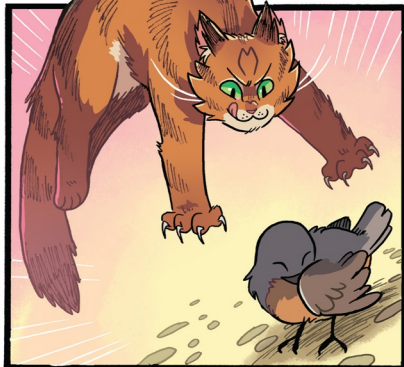
BUT...

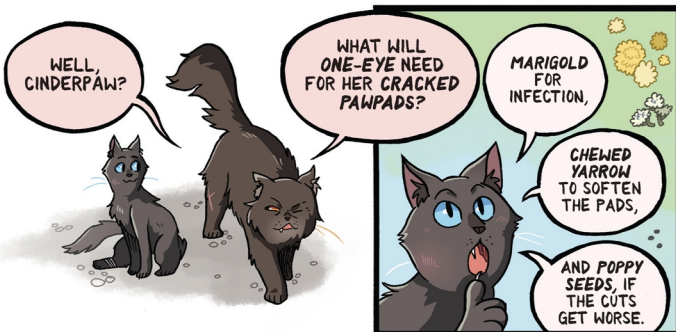
...I CAN'T  
STOP SEEING  
HIM.

I LOVE  
HIM.

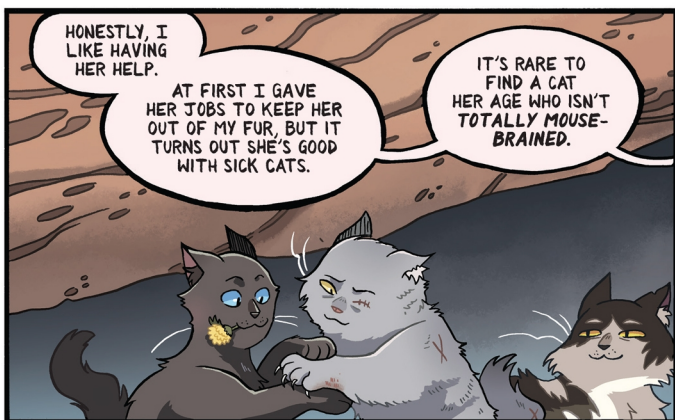
IF GRAYSTRIPE  
IS TRULY AS  
IMPORTANT TO  
YOU AS YOU SAY...

...YOU'LL TRY TO  
UNDERSTAND.















OKAY, YOU'VE  
SEEN THEM.



NOW QUIT  
CROWDING THE  
QUEENS!



YES,  
SPECKLETAIL.



...

DO YOU  
EVER MISS  
YOUR FAMILY,  
FIREHEART?



THIS IS MY  
HOME, AND I'M  
A THUNDERCLAN  
CAT, NOW.

WELL,  
OBVIOUSLY!

\*STREEETCH!\*



BUT YOU  
CAN STILL  
MISS THEM!

I DON'T HAVE  
SIBLINGS, SO I GET  
KIND OF JEALOUS OF  
CATS WHO DO.

LIKE  
LONGTAIL AND  
SWIFTPAW.

EVEN DUSTPAW  
HAD RAVENPAW,  
BEFORE HE WAS  
KILLED...





I'M GOING OUT TO  
THE TWOLEPLACE  
ANYWAY.

WHY NOT  
CHECK IN ON  
PRINCESS, TOO?



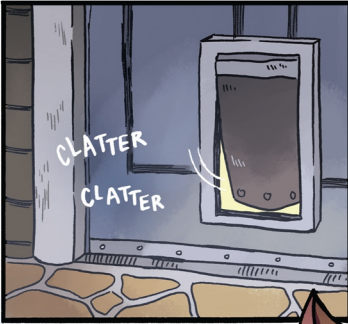
AFTER ALL, SHE  
MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE SHADOWCLAN  
CATS OR THOSE ROGUES!



I'M NOT  
JUST  
VISITING.



FIREPAW?

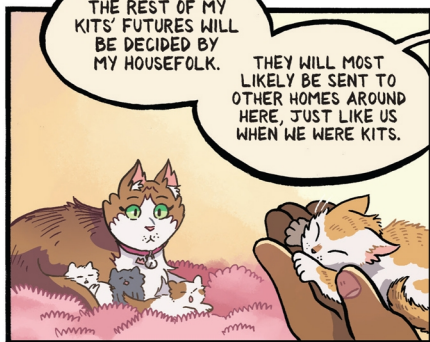




I'M GLAD  
YOU CAME.

WHEN I FOUND  
OUT THAT I WAS  
EXPECTING KITS...

I THOUGHT  
ABOUT YOU, AND  
WHAT YOU SAID  
ABOUT LIVING WITH  
THE FOREST CATS.



THE REST OF MY  
KITS' FUTURES WILL  
BE DECIDED BY  
MY HOUSEFOLK.

THEY WILL MOST  
LIKELY BE SENT TO  
OTHER HOMES AROUND  
HERE, JUST LIKE US  
WHEN WE WERE KITS.




BUT FOR MY  
**FIRSTBORN...**




I WANTED  
TO DECIDE  
HIS FATE.


I WANT  
HIM...




...TO BE A WILD  
THUNDERCLAN  
WARRIOR.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
ALL OF YOUR CLAN WAYS.  
BUT IF ONE OF MY KITS  
COULD GROW UP TO BE  
LIKE YOU...



...I WOULD BE  
HONORED.



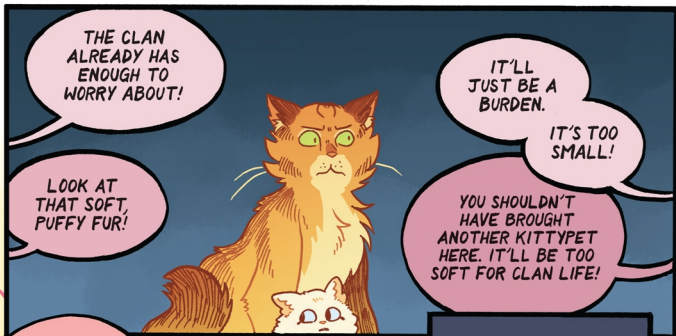
WE DO NEED  
MORE WARRIORS,  
ESPECIALLY IF  
CINDERPAW DECIDES  
TO BECOME A  
MEDICINE CAT...



MEW!





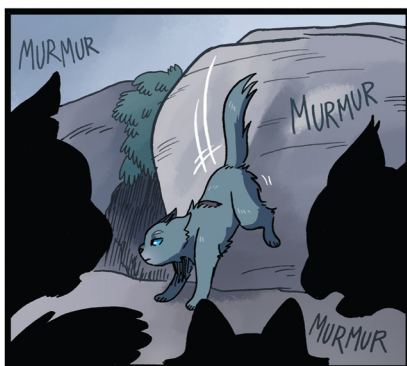








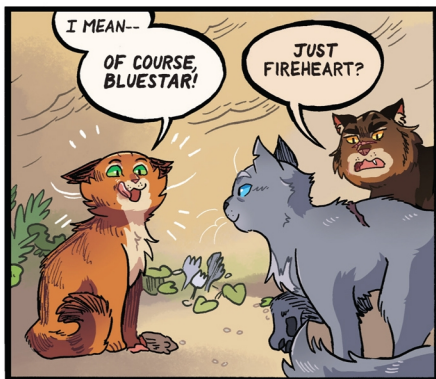




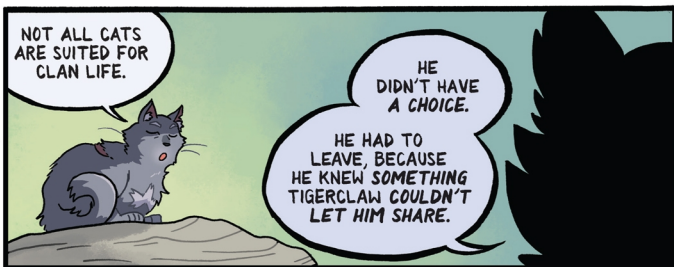






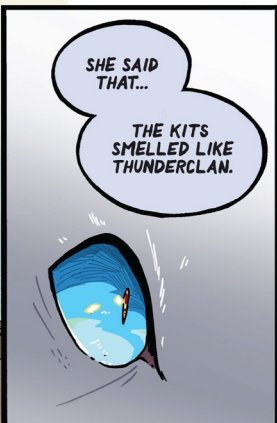


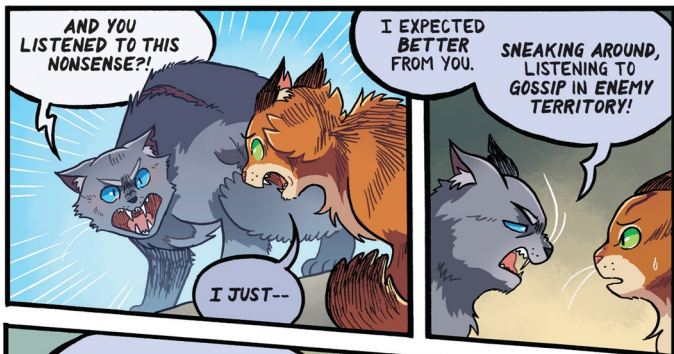




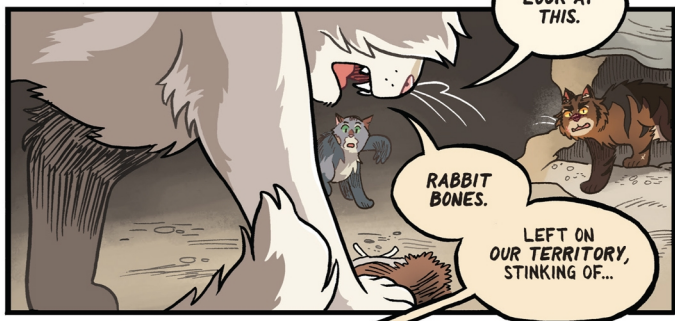






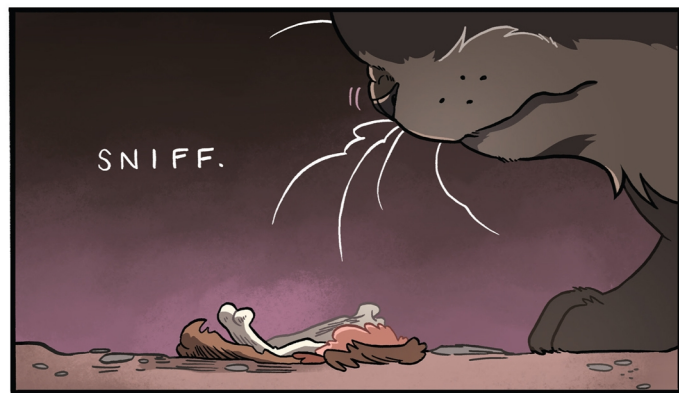




















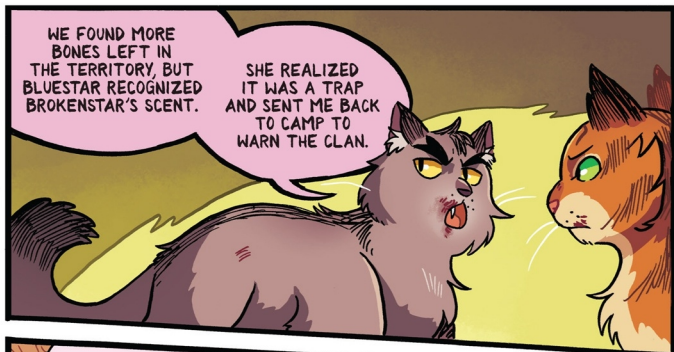














A close-up of Frostfur, a white cat with blue eyes, roaring with his mouth wide open, showing sharp teeth. He is surrounded by other cats, some of whom are looking at him with expressions of fear or anger. The background is a bright orange and yellow, suggesting a fire or a very intense scene.

HOW DO YOU  
LIKE MY CLAWS,  
YOU KIT-STEALING  
LITTLE WEASEL?!

A close-up of Frostfur's face, showing his blue eyes and sharp teeth. He is looking down at something off-camera with a determined and somewhat menacing expression.

HOW'S IT  
FEEL TO  
FACE A CAT  
BIG ENOUGH  
TO FIGHT  
BACK?

Frostfur is shown in profile, looking towards the left. In the background, a small white cat is running away from him. The scene is set against a bright yellow background with radiating lines, suggesting a moment of high tension or action.

LET HIM GO,  
FROSTFUR.

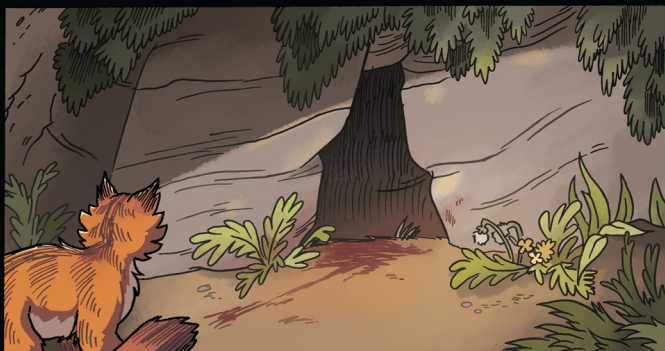
Two cats are shown in a close-up. On the left is a grey cat with green eyes, looking slightly to the right. On the right is Frostfur, looking towards the grey cat with a serious expression. They appear to be in a conversation.

YOU'VE GIVEN  
HIM A MEMORABLE  
ENOUGH TASTE OF  
THUNDERCLAN.



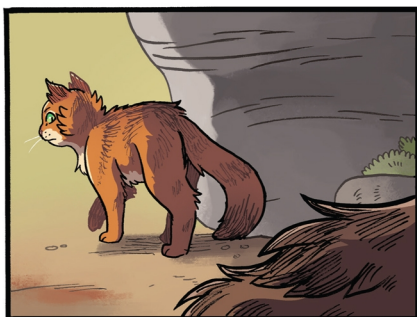












CINDERPAW!  
ARE YOU OKAY?

IS IT  
OVER?



YES,  
THE ROGUES  
ARE GONE.



ARE YOU  
OKAY?

I...



I SHOULD  
HAVE FOUGHT  
ALONGSIDE YOU!

D-DUSTPELT  
TOLD ME IT WAS  
TOO DANGEROUS  
AND TO HIDE--



TPT!

CINDERPAW.



IT'S  
OKAY.

THERE'S MORE  
TO FOLLOWING  
THE WARRIOR CODE  
THAN FIGHTING.



YELLOWFANG'S  
GOING TO NEED  
HELP WITH THE  
INJURIES FROM  
THE BATTLE.

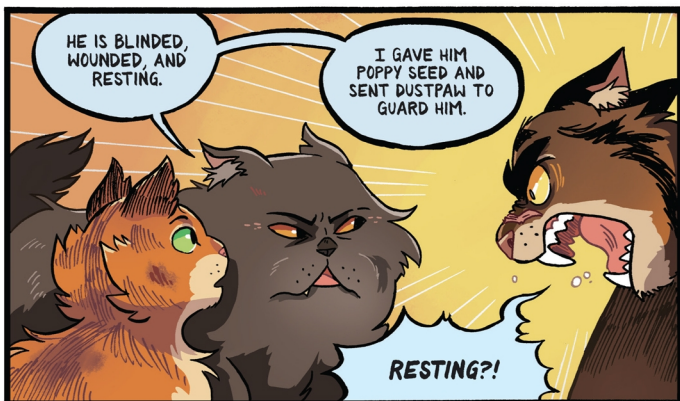
WHY DON'T  
YOU GO FIND  
HER?

RIGHT!

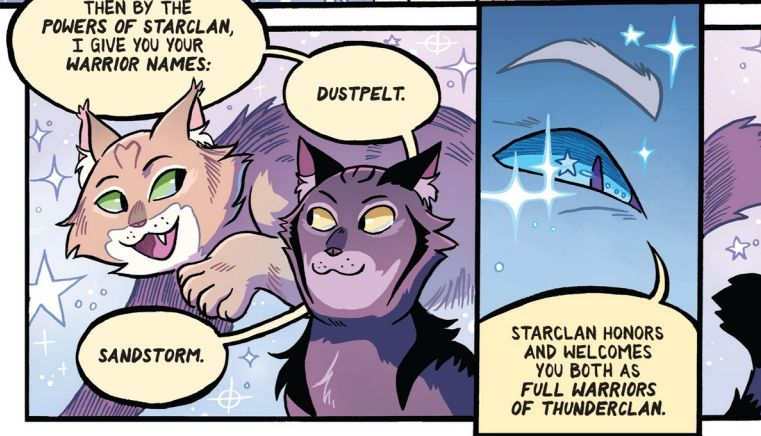


















I HAVE  
OTHER  
NEWS.

AS YOU KNOW,  
THUNDERCLAN DEFENDED  
ITSELF FROM A ROGUE  
ATTACK TODAY, AND WE  
TOOK BROKENSTAR  
PRISONER.



HE IS BLIND AND  
WILL BE KEPT  
UNDER WATCH UNTIL  
MOST OF HIS  
WOUNDS HEAL.

IN THE MEANTIME,  
WE CANNOT TAKE AWAY THE  
LIVES THAT STARCLAN GAVE  
HIM, BUT THIS CAT IS  
NO LONGER A CLAN LEADER.



HE WILL  
HENCEFORTH  
BE KNOWN AS...

**BROKENTAIL.**

## PART TWO: **BROKENTAIL**



BLUESTAR...

WHAT ARE YOU  
GOING TO SAY AT THE  
GATHERING ABOUT  
BROKENTAIL?

WILL YOU TELL THE  
OTHER CLANS WE'RE  
SHELTERING HIM?













COMPASSION?!



YOU MUST DRIVE HIM OUT!



AND WINDCLAN.



ENOUGH!



THUNDERCLAN DOES NOT TAKE ORDERS FROM OTHER CLANS!



LOOK AT  
THE CLOUDS!



STARCLAN  
IS ANGRY.



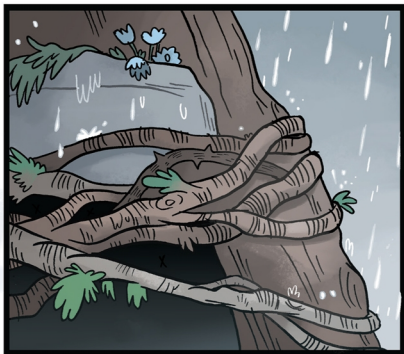
TONIGHT'S  
GATHERING  
IS OVER.

BUT WE WON'T  
FORGET WHAT  
YOU'VE DONE.

















**SUNNINGROCKS  
IS TOTALLY  
FLOODED!**



FIREHEART, WHAT IF  
SILVERSTREAM IS...

WAIT.

DO YOU  
HEAR THAT?



OUT  
THERE ON  
THE ROCKS!











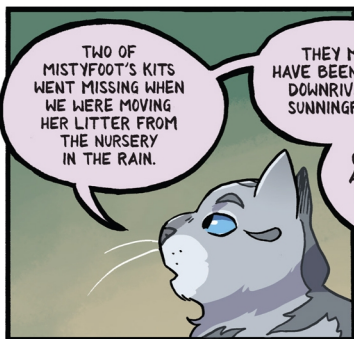
























ARE YOU  
OUT OF YOUR  
MINDS?!

THIS IS A  
DISASTER!



BUT...THESE  
KITS WILL JOIN  
US TOGETHER  
FOREVER!

NO CAT  
WILL BE ABLE  
TO KNOW YOU'RE  
THE FATHER,  
GRAYSTRIPE!



I'LL  
KNOW.

THAT'S  
ALL THAT  
MATTERS.

WE'VE DONE  
NOTHING TO BE  
ASHAMED OF.

THEY'LL BE  
THE MOST  
BEAUTIFUL KITS  
IN THE FOREST!



WE SHOULD  
GET GOING,  
GRAYSTRIPE.

THE CATS  
BACK AT CAMP  
WILL WONDER  
WHERE WE WENT.



I CAN  
REPORT TO  
BLUESTAR.

GO GET  
DRIED OFF.



WELL,  
FIREHEART?



I HOPE YOU HAVE  
A **GOOD REASON**  
FOR BEING LATE.

I'M SORRY FOR  
MAKING YOU WAIT,  
BLUESTAR.



SUNNINGROCKS  
WAS COMPLETELY  
FLOODED.

WE SPOTTED  
SOME KITS ADRIFT  
IN THE WATER AND  
RESCUED THEM.



RIVERCLAN  
KITS?

YES.

WE WERE  
ABLE TO GET  
THEM BACK TO  
THEIR MOTHER,  
MISTYFOOT.











HE WAS A STRONG  
AND FEARLESS  
WARRIOR, YES.

BUT ALSO  
CRUEL.

VIOLENT.

THOUGHTLESS.

I KNEW THAT IF  
HE HAD THE CHANCE  
TO BECOME CLAN LEADER,  
HE WOULD SURELY PLUNGE  
THUNDERCLAN INTO  
ENDLESS WAR.

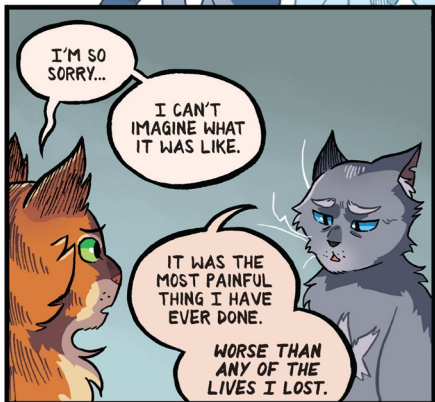
WATCH MY KIN  
GROW UP STRANGERS  
TO ME, OR WATCH  
MY OWN CLAN BE  
DESTROYED?

SOMETIMES,  
THERE ARE  
NO RIGHT  
ANSWERS.

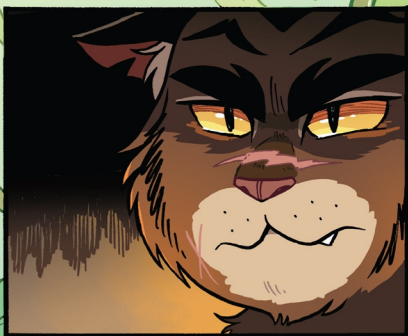
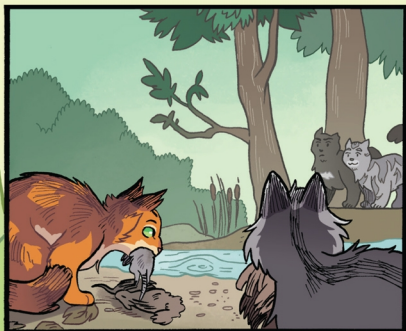
IN THE END,  
OAKHEART OFFERED  
THEM A HOME IN  
RIVERCLAN.

THAT WAS A  
BITTER LEAF-BARE,  
BUT THEY HAD  
FISH TO SPARE.

AT LEAST MY  
KITS WOULDN'T  
GO HUNGRY.







YELLOWFANG ASKED  
ME TO GO LOOKING  
FOR SOME BERRIES  
AND JUNIPER.

CAN I PULL  
YOU AWAY FROM  
KIT-SITTING TO  
COME WITH ME?

SURE!

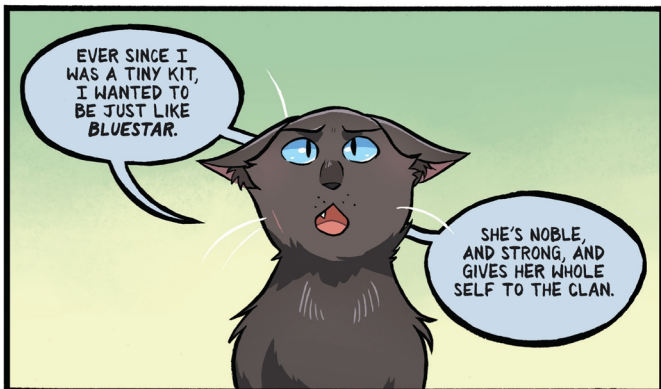
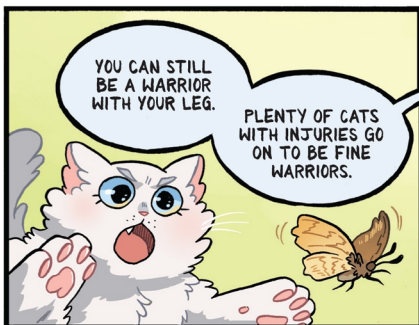
A WARRIOR  
MISSION!

CAN I  
COME, TOO?

KITS NORMALLY  
AREN'T ALLOWED  
OUTSIDE THE  
CAMP.

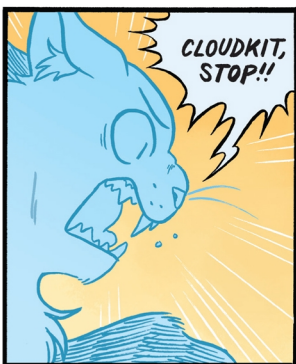
BUT...OKAY, IF  
IT'LL KEEP YOU  
OUT OF TROUBLE  
FOR A WHILE!

















WINDCLAN!

SHADOWCLAN!









MORNINGFLOWER?

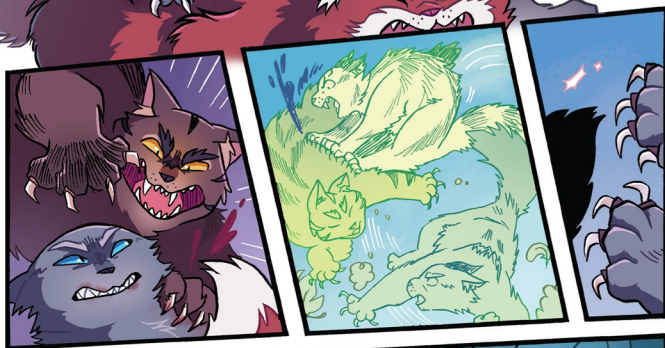


I CARRIED HER KIT  
ACROSS THE THUNDERPATH  
BACK WHEN WE BROUGHT  
WINDCLAN HOME...

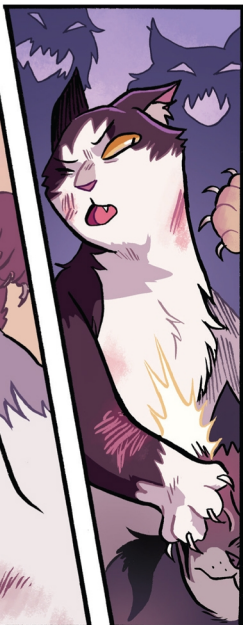


HISS!



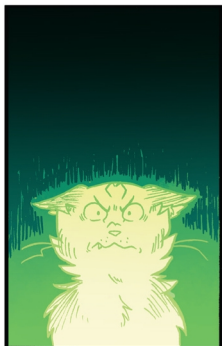








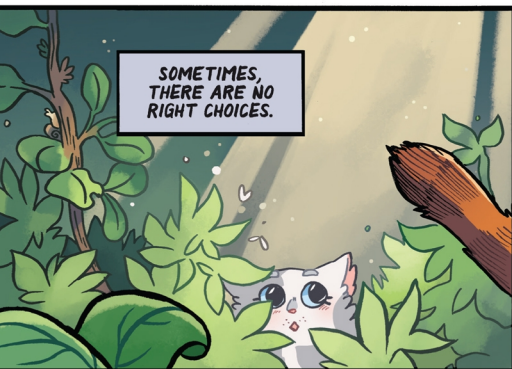


















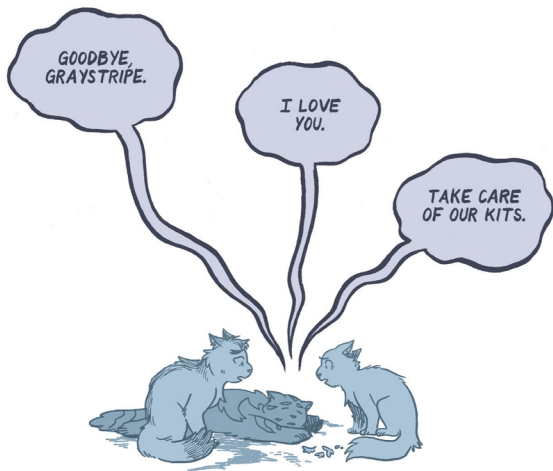

























MANY CATS  
HAVE ASKED ME  
WHAT GRAYSTRIPE'S  
PUNISHMENT WILL BE.

I HAVE  
THOUGHT ABOUT  
THIS CAREFULLY,  
AND DECIDED:




SILVERSTREAM'S  
DEATH IS  
PUNISHMENT  
ENOUGH.



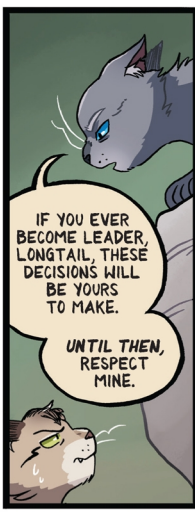
WHAT  
COULD ANY  
CAT DO...

...THAT IS WORSE  
THAN WHAT HE  
HAS ALREADY  
SUFFERED?




WE DON'T  
WANT HIM IN  
THE CLAN!

HE'S A  
TRAITOR!

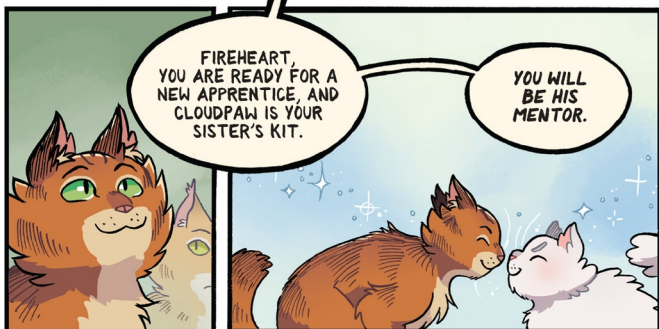
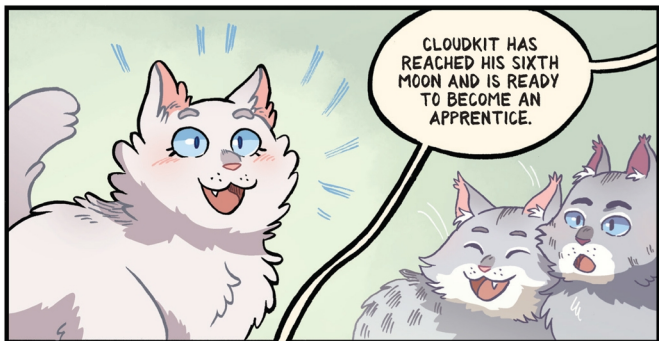


IF YOU EVER  
BECOME LEADER,  
LONGTAIL, THESE  
DECISIONS WILL  
BE YOURS  
TO MAKE.

UNTIL THEN,  
RESPECT  
MINE.



NOW, I CAN  
TURN TO A  
HAPPIER DUTY.






...IS THERE NO  
**DECENT WARRIOR**  
LEFT IN THIS CLAN?











BRIGHTPAW AND THORNPAW ARE NICE, BUT SWIFTPAW IS LONGTAIL'S APPRENTICE...




...AND LONGTAIL SAYS I CAN'T BE A WARRIOR BECAUSE I WASN'T BORN IN THE FOREST!



YOU SHOULD ASK HIM HOW HE GOT THAT NICK IN HIS EAR!

WELL, LONGTAIL'S WRONG.



DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT MICE AND RABBITS?

GET DOWNWIND SO RABBITS DON'T SMELL YOU.

STEP SOFTLY SO MICE DON'T HEAR YOU!



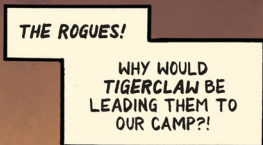
GOOD. CAN YOU SHOW ME YOUR BEST MOUSE APPROACH?



YEAH!









I DON'T LIKE THIS.

WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE CAMP!



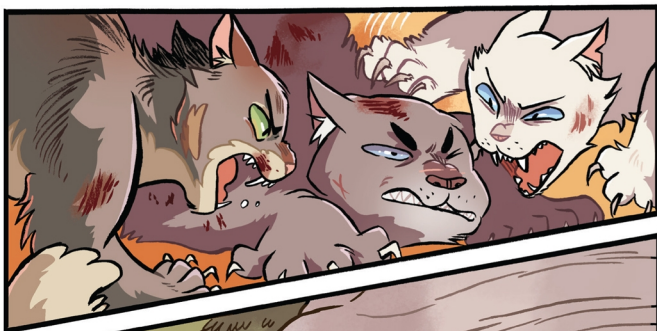
RUN!

RUN LIKE YOU'VE NEVER RUN BEFORE!



TIGERCLAW LED THE ROGUES STRAIGHT INTO CAMP!





BLUESTAR!







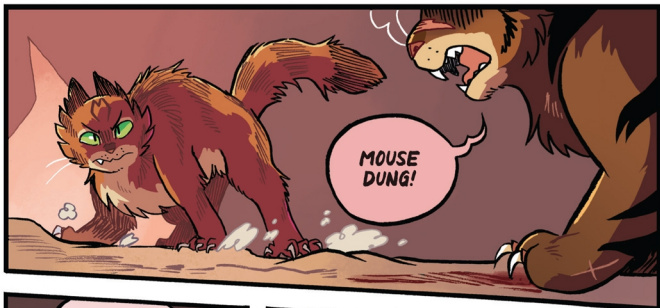
NOT  
FOR MUCH  
LONGER.

I'M GOING TO  
KILL YOU, AND  
KILL YOU AGAIN.

AS MANY TIMES  
AS IT TAKES TO SEND  
YOU TO STARCLAN  
FOR GOOD.

IT'S TIME  
FOR ME TO LEAD  
THUNDERCLAN!









YEOWWWL!



BLUESTAR!  
HELP ME  
HOLD HIM!



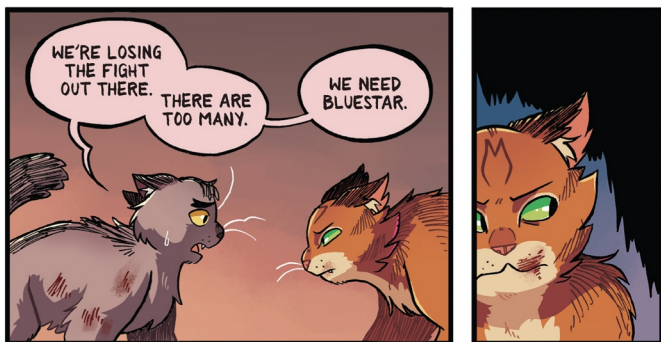
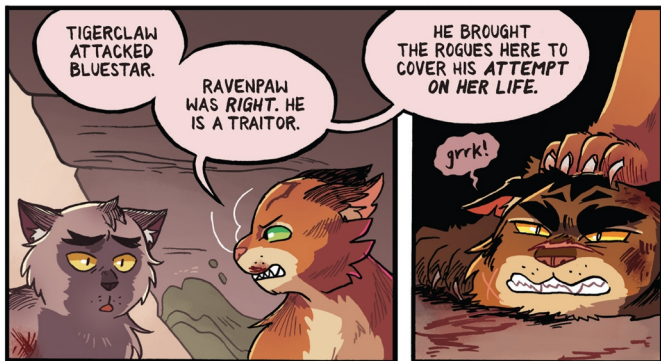
FIREHEART,  
WE NEED--

OHH STARCLAN,  
IS THAT--

WHAT'S  
GOING ON?!

GRAYSTRIPE!





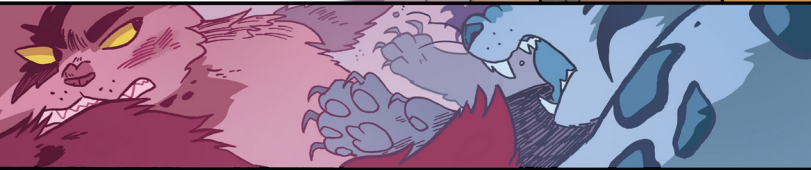






IT'S  
MISTYFOOT!

AND THE OTHER  
RIVERCLAN WARRIORS!



I RECOGNIZE SOME  
OF THE **SHADOWCLAN**  
WARRIORS WHO LEFT  
WITH **BROKENSTAR**.

YES.

HOW DID  
RIVERCLAN KNOW  
WE NEEDED HELP?





I PRESENT  
YOU WITH  
**TIGERCLAW.**




ONCE MY  
DEPUTY.



NOW A  
PRISONER.

WHAT?!




DURING THE  
BATTLE,  
TIGERCLAW  
ATTACKED ME.

HE WOULD  
HAVE KILLED ME  
IF FIREHEART  
DIDN'T STOP HIM.



THERE  
MUST BE  
SOME  
MISTAKE!



DO YOU THINK I  
CAN'T TELL WHEN  
A CAT IS TRYING  
TO MURDER ME?

BUT  
TIGERCLAW--



TIGERCLAW IS  
A TRAITOR  
TO THE CLAN,  
DARKSTRIPE.



WHO DO YOU  
THINK BROUGHT  
THOSE ROGUES  
HERE?



FIREHEART.

COME  
UP ON THE  
HIGHROCK.



TELL THE  
CLAN WHAT  
YOU KNOW.



C-

CATS OF  
THUNDERCLAN...





CATS OF  
THUNDERCLAN!

DO YOU  
REMEMBER WHEN  
REDTAIL DIED?

TIGERCLAW SAID  
IT WAS OAKHEART  
WHO KILLED HIM, BUT  
HE WAS LYING.

TIGERCLAW  
KILLED REDTAIL  
HIMSELF!

HOW WOULD  
YOU KNOW? YOU  
WEREN'T THERE!

I TALKED  
TO A CAT  
WHO WAS.

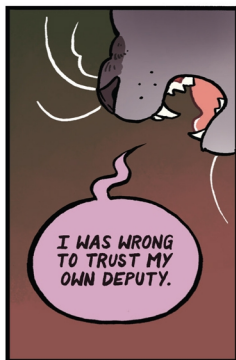
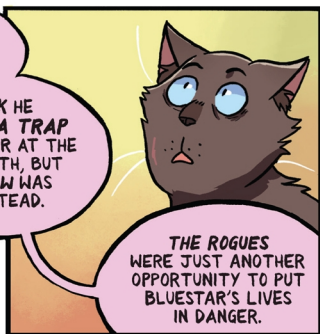
RAVENPAW  
TOLD ME.

HOW  
CONVENIENT.

A DEAD CAT  
WHO CAN'T TELL  
US THE STORY  
HIMSELF!

RAVENPAW  
ISN'T DEAD.

HE FLED THE CLAN  
AFTER TIGERCLAW  
TRIED TO KILL HIM  
FOR KNOWING  
TOO MUCH.





**KILL HIM!**

**BLIND HIM!**

**DRIVE HIM  
OUT OF THE  
FOREST!**

**TIGERCLAW.**

**HAVE YOU  
ANYTHING  
TO SAY IN YOUR  
OWN DEFENSE?**

**DEFEND  
MYSELF TO YOU,  
YOU GUTLESS  
EXCUSE FOR  
A WARRIOR?**

**WHAT KIND OF  
LEADER HELPS THE  
OTHER CLANS AND  
TAKES IN KITTYPET  
STRAYS?!**

**I WOULD  
NEVER  
SHOW SUCH  
SOFTNESS!**

**I WOULD  
BRING BACK THE  
GLORIOUS  
DAYS OF  
TIGERCLAN!**

**I WOULD  
RULE THE  
GREATEST  
CLAN IN THE  
FOREST!**

IF YOU HAVE  
NOTHING ELSE TO SAY,  
THEN I SENTENCE  
YOU TO EXILE.

LEAVE  
THUNDERCLAN  
TERRITORY NOW.

ANY CAT WHO  
SEES YOU HERE AFTER  
SUNRISE TOMORROW HAS  
MY PERMISSION  
TO KILL YOU.



D-DON'T THINK  
I'M FINISHED!

I WILL  
BE LEADER.

AND ANY CAT  
THAT COMES WITH  
ME WILL BE WELL  
LOOKED AFTER!

DARKSTRIPE?

LONGTAIL?

YOU PLOTTED  
WITH **BROKENSTAR**,  
TOLD ME **NOTHING**,  
AND EXPECT ME TO  
COME WITH YOU?

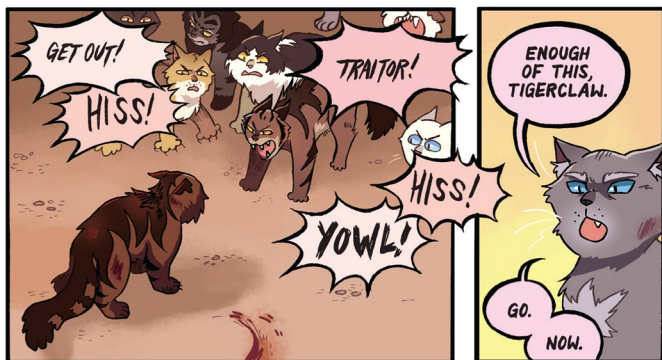
N-NO!

I'M  
LOYAL TO  
THUNDERCLAN!

...DUSTPELT?

TIGERCLAW...











IS  
BROKENTAIL--

YES.



I DID  
EVERYTHING  
I COULD.



BUT HE  
STILL DIED.





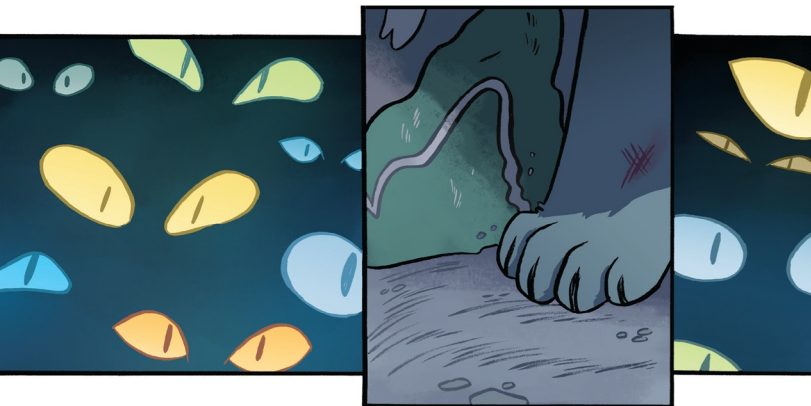
NO CAT WILL  
EVER BE HARMED  
BY HIM AGAIN.



MOONHIGH HAS COME  
AND GONE, AND BLUESTAR  
STILL HASN'T COME OUT  
OF HER DEN TO CHOOSE  
THE NEW DEPUTY!

WE MUST  
HAVE A NEW  
DEPUTY!

STARCLAN  
WON'T LIKE  
THIS...





## PART THREE: RISING STORM

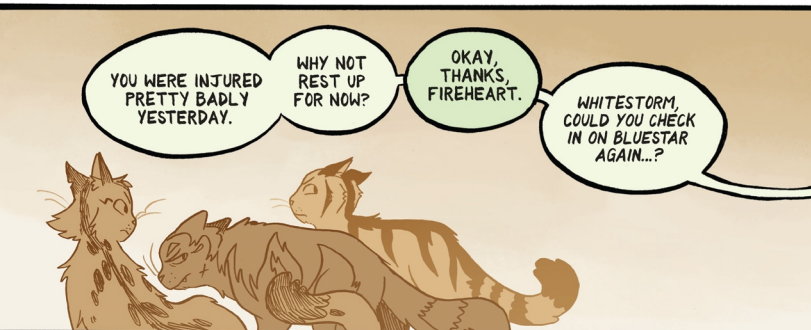


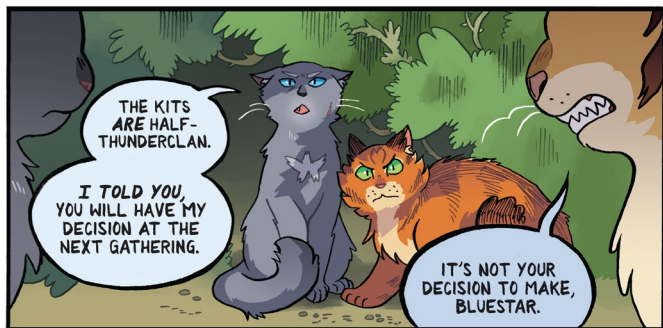
WELL,  
CLAN DEPUTY?

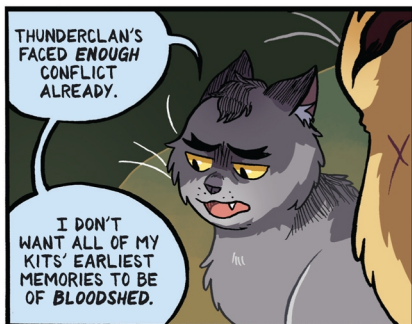




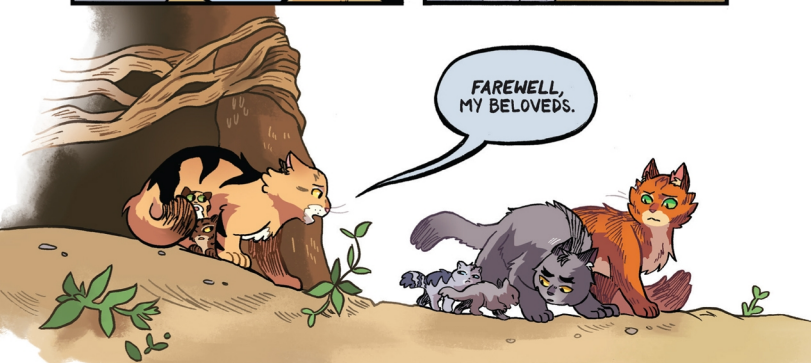














YOU WERE RIGHT,  
FIREHEART.

I CAN'T  
GIVE UP  
THE KITS.

THEY'RE ALL  
I HAVE LEFT OF  
SILVERSTREAM.



SO THAT'S  
WHY...

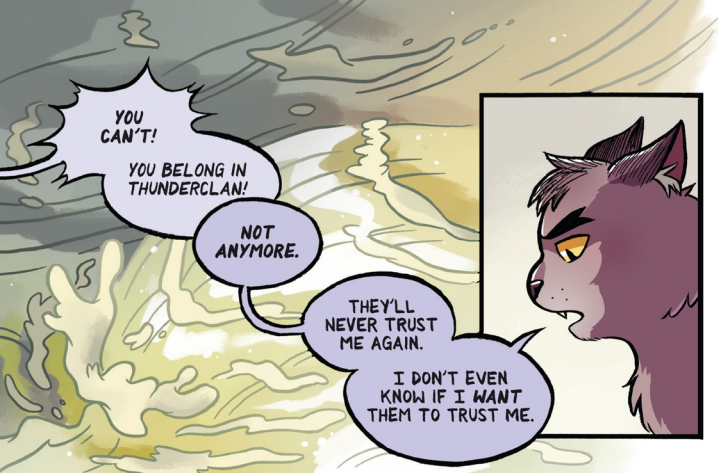


...I'M GOING  
WITH THEM.

TO JOIN  
RIVERCLAN.

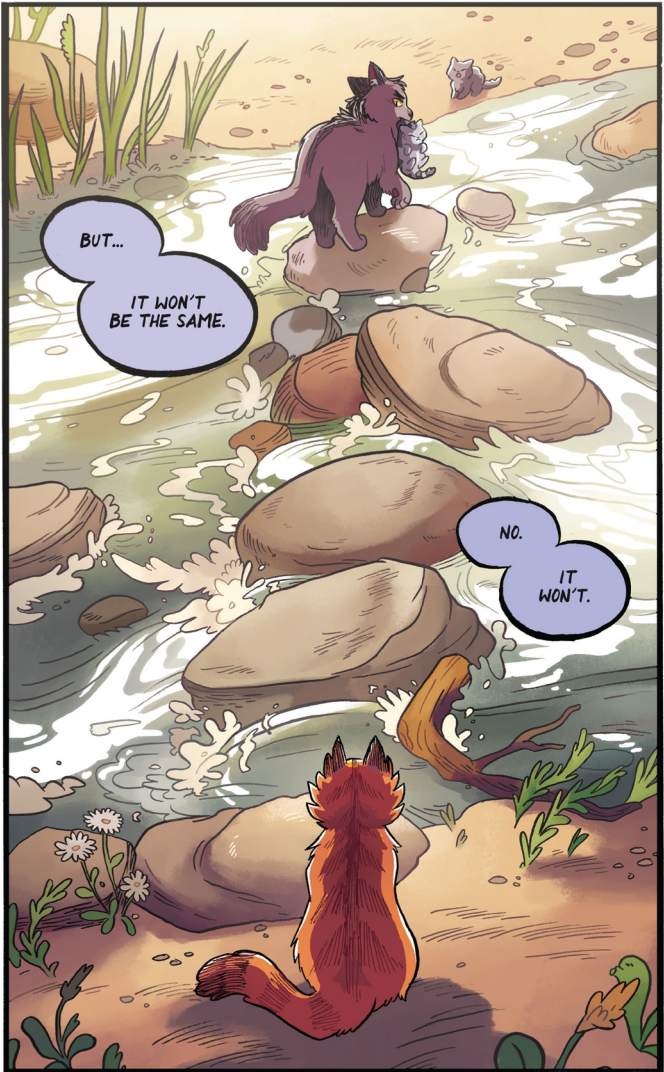
WHAT?!











BUT...

IT WON'T  
BE THE SAME.

NO.

IT  
WON'T.



FIREHEART.



I NEED TO  
SHARE DREAMS  
WITH STARCLAN.

I MUST  
TRAVEL TO THE  
MOONSTONE.



YOU WANT  
TO GO TO  
HIGHSTONES?

DO YOU KNOW  
OF **ANOTHER**  
MOONSTONE?



I WANT  
YOU TO COME  
WITH ME.

WHITESTORM  
CAN TAKE  
CHARGE WHILE  
WE'RE GONE.

WHO ELSE  
IS COMING  
WITH US?



NO ONE.











FIREHEART, I  
MADE THE RIGHT  
DECISION, BRINGING  
YOU INTO THE CLAN.



NO OTHER  
WARRIOR HAS YOUR  
SENSE OF LOYALTY  
AND COURAGE.



BLUESTAR,  
EVERY CAT IN  
THUNDERCLAN  
RESPECTS THE  
WARRIOR CODE  
JUST AS MUCH  
AS I DO.

OH?



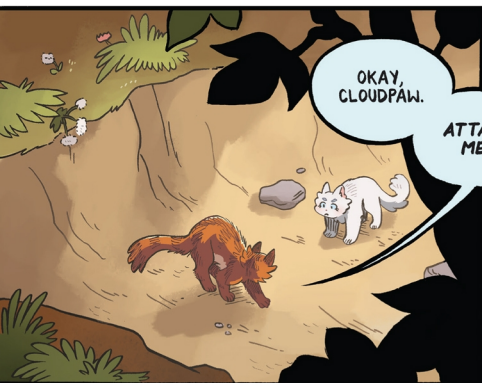
THEN WHY WERE  
YOU THE ONLY  
CAT WHO OPPOSED  
TIGERCLAW?

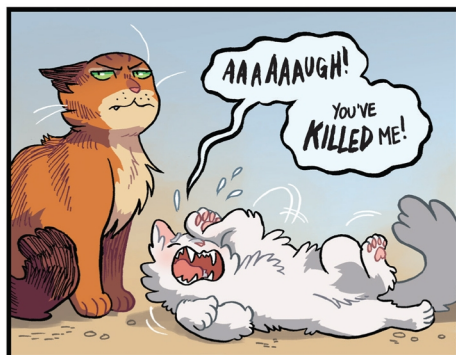
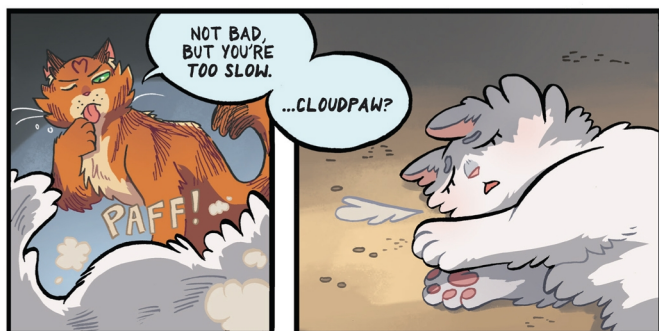


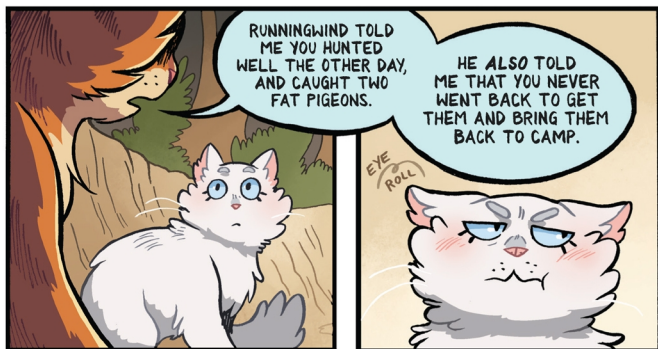






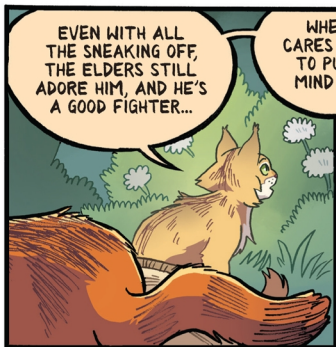






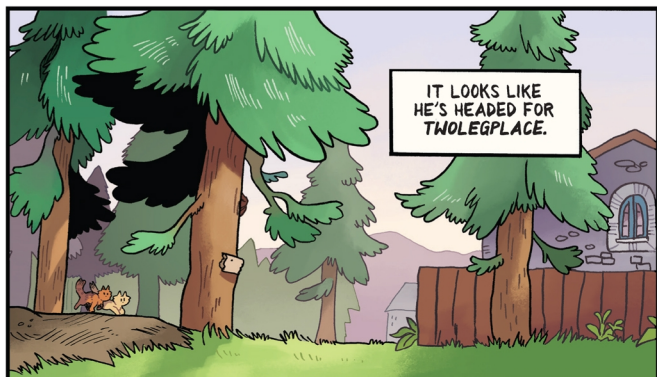






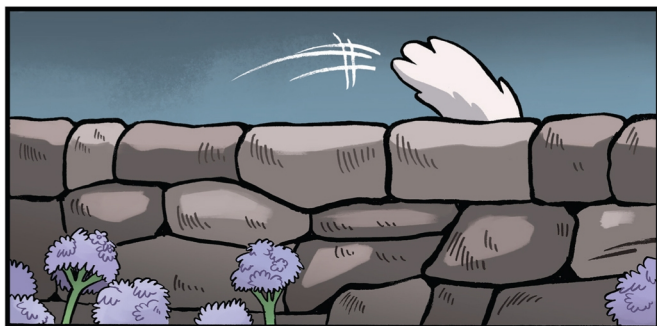
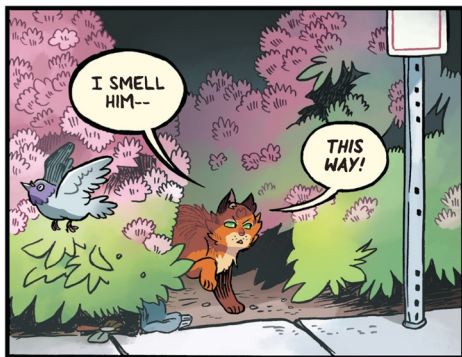
WHEN HE CARES ENOUGH TO PUT HIS MIND TO IT.

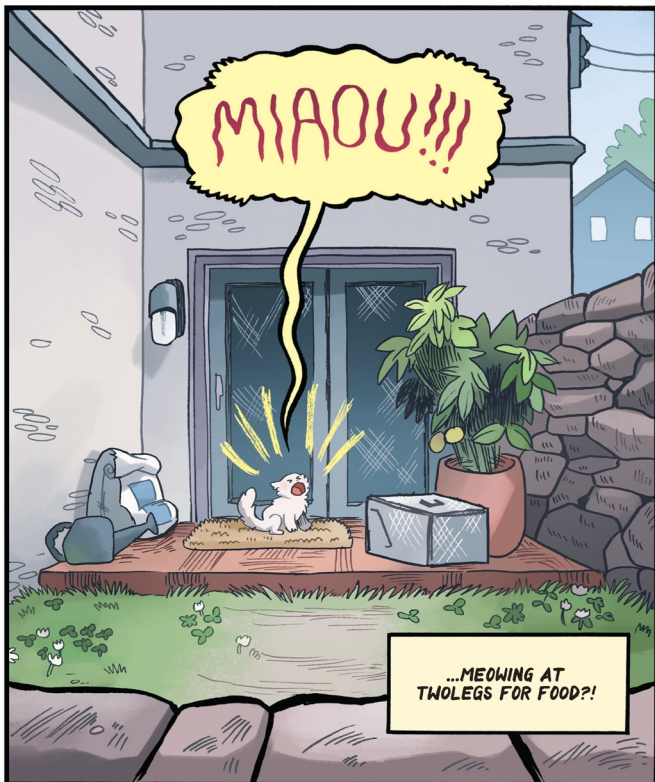
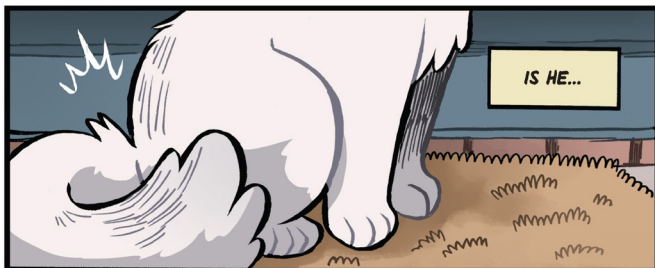


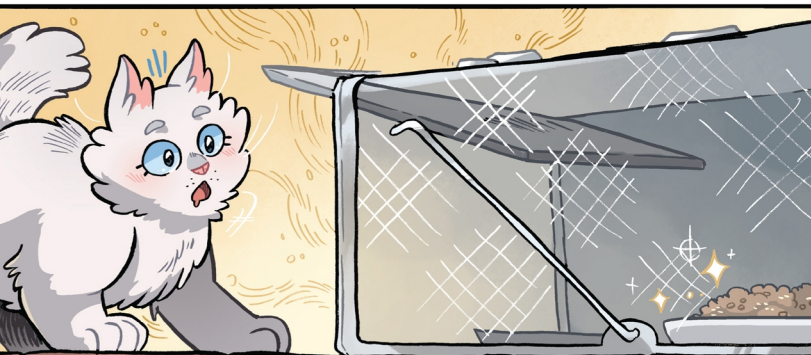
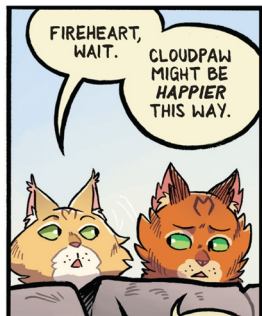


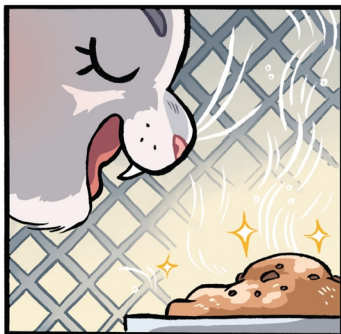




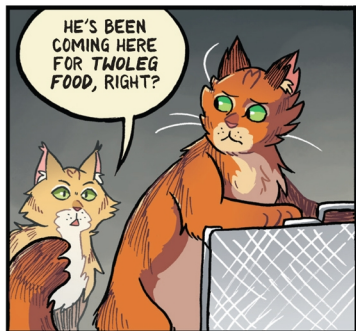




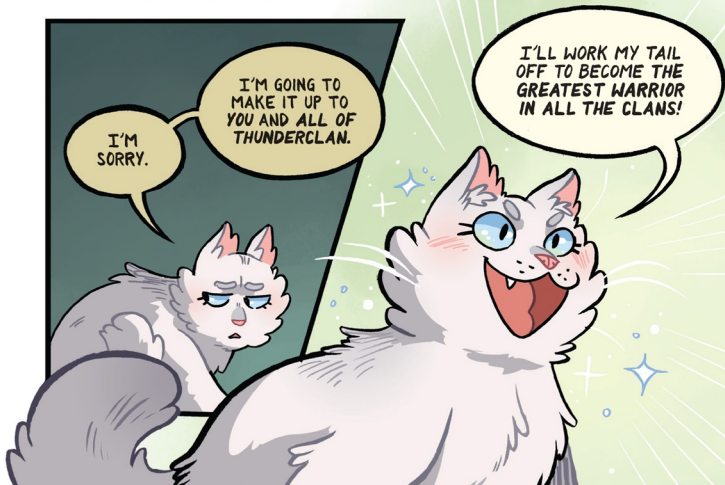












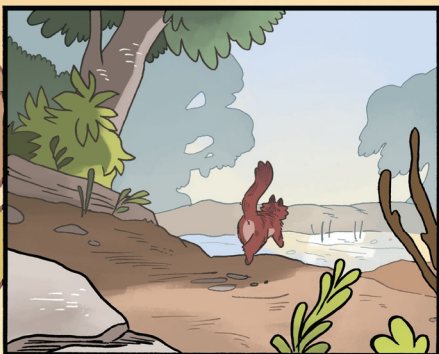








A HOT, DRY  
GREENLEAF.



I WONDER HOW  
GRAYSTRIPE IS DOING  
IN RIVERCLAN?



FINALLY,  
OUR DEPUTY  
RETURNS.



WHO'S LEADING  
THE SUNHIGH  
PATROL?

UH...



LONGTAIL  
WILL LEAD  
IT.



SNRK!



LONGTAIL'S  
OUT WITH HIS  
APPRENTICE  
TODAY...

I SHOULD HAVE  
REMEMBERED  
THAT!



THEN RUNNING-  
WIND WILL GO  
WITH BRACKENFUR  
AND DUSTPELT.

BRACKENFUR'S  
STILL WOUNDED  
FROM THE  
BATTLE.

OK, THEN  
RUNNINGWIND  
CAN HUNT WITH  
MOUSEFUR AND  
SANDSTORM.



AND THE  
SUNSET  
PATROL?



I WILL LEAD  
THE EVENING  
PATROL.



SWIFTPAW AND  
LONGTAIL CAN  
JOIN YOU WHEN  
THEY RETURN!



THANKS,  
WHITESTORM...



DON'T MIND  
DARKSTRIPE.

HE, LONGTAIL,  
AND DUSTPELT  
WERE CLOSE TO  
TIGERCLAW, BUT  
I DON'T DOUBT  
THEIR LOYALTY.



TRY TELLING  
THAT TO  
BLUESTAR.



ASHKIT AND FERN-  
KIT STILL NEED  
MENTORS, AND SHE  
ASKED ME TO  
CHOOSE THEM.

I WAS THINKING  
DUSTPELT AND  
DARKSTRIPE WOULD  
BE GOOD CHOICES.

OH?











FIREHEART...

SPOTTEDLEAF?

FIREHEART!



SPOTTEDLEAF?

WHERE ARE  
YOU?

THUNDERCLAN  
IS IN GREAT  
DANGER!

WAKE  
UP!

...smoke...?

FIRE!!

THE FOREST  
IS ON FIRE!















PATCHPELT!

HALFTAIL!

BRAMBLEKIT!















A red and purple cat with green eyes is shown in a landscape of fire and smoke. The cat is looking back over its shoulder, shouting. A speech bubble contains the text "YELLOWFANG!!".

**YELLOWFANG!!**

THERE'S NO WAY  
BACK INTO THE CAMP.

A close-up of the red and purple cat's face. It has a determined and slightly angry expression, with its mouth slightly open and green eyes wide. A speech bubble contains the text "THIS ISN'T OVER. THUNDERCLAN STILL NEEDS ME."

THIS ISN'T OVER.  
THUNDERCLAN STILL  
NEEDS ME.

A close-up of the red and purple cat's face, looking slightly down and to the side with a determined, almost grimacing expression. A speech bubble contains the text "I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING!"

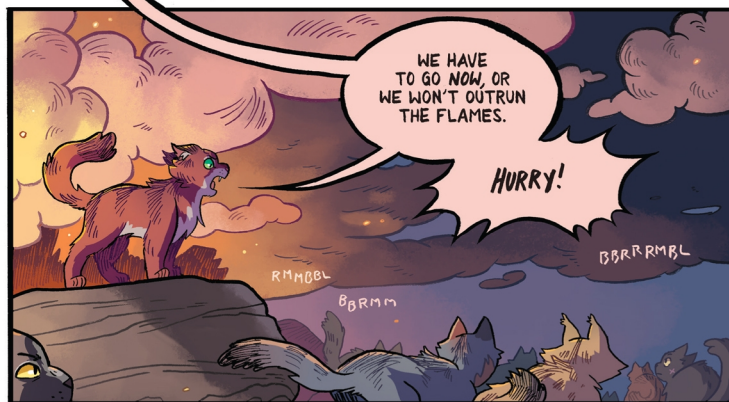
I HAVE TO  
KEEP MOVING!

The red and purple cat is running through a landscape of fire and smoke, leading a brown and white cat. A third cat is visible in the background. A speech bubble contains the text "FOLLOW ME!"

FOLLOW  
ME!











HOW COULD THIS  
HAPPEN TO OUR  
TERRITORY?

TO OUR  
CLAN?



HAS  
STARCLAN...

...FORSAKEN  
US?

BLUESTAR,  
COME ON!







LEOPARDFUR!

IS RIVERCLAN  
SAFE FROM THE  
FIRE?



THE FIRE WILL  
NOT CROSS INTO  
RIVERCLAN.

BUT  
THUNDERCLAN  
TERRITORY WAS  
TOTALLY ENGULFED.

LEOPARDFUR  
WAS RIGHT TO  
HELP YOU.

ALL THE  
CLANS FEAR  
FIRE.



YOU MAY  
STAY UNTIL IT  
IS SAFE FOR YOU  
TO RETURN.



PLIP!

PLIP!







THE FIRE  
MUST BE OUT  
BY NOW.



I SHOULD GO  
BACK AND SEE IF  
IT'S SAFE FOR US  
TO RETURN.



I'LL GO ASK  
CROOKEDSTAR FOR  
PERMISSION TO GO  
WITH YOU.

WHATEVER  
YOU FIND THERE,  
I DON'T WANT YOU TO  
FIND IT ALONE.



THANKS,  
GRAYSTRIPE.



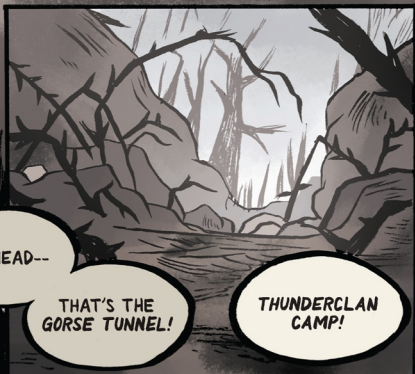




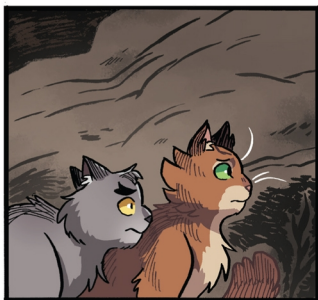
UP AHEAD--

THAT'S THE  
GORSE TUNNEL!

THUNDERCLAN  
CAMP!

















...IS THAT I  
WILL MISS WATCHING  
YOU BECOME...

...WHAT  
STARCLAN  
DESTINED YOU  
TO BE.



YELLOWFANG...

NO CAT COULD  
EVER FORGET THE  
GOOD YOU'VE DONE.



THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING.

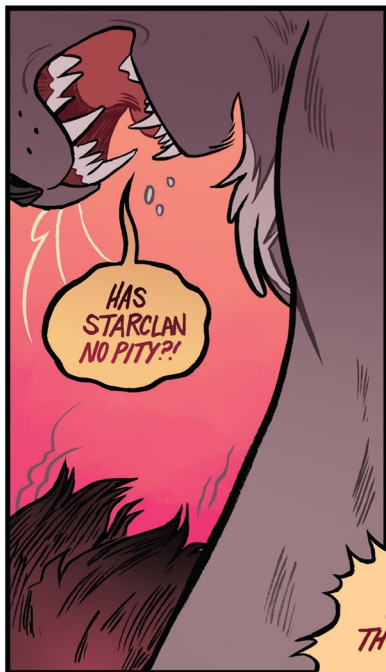















HEAR MY  
WORDS AS WELL,  
STARCLAN!



FROM NOW  
ON, MY DREAMS  
ARE MY OWN--



I WILL  
**NEVER**  
GO TO THE  
MOONSTONE  
AGAIN!!







I HAVE TRIED  
TO UNDERSTAND  
THEIR CRUELTY,  
BUT **NO MORE!!**

STARCLAN HAS  
DECLARED **WAR**  
ON MY CLAN...

AND I WILL  
**NEVER**  
FORGIVE  
THEM!!





END OF BOOK TWO











# CHARACTER SHEETS



There are a LOT of cats to keep track of in Warriors! I keep a stack of sketches of what every major character looks like and what scars they have on hand for reference.

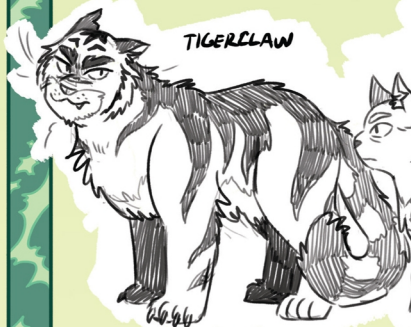
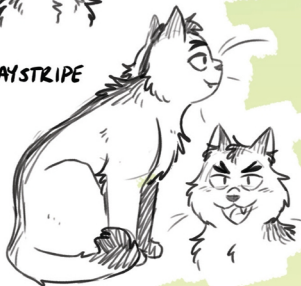
This volume focused on ThunderClan, RiverClan, and Brokenstar's rogue cats the most...



FIREHEART



GRAYSTRIPE



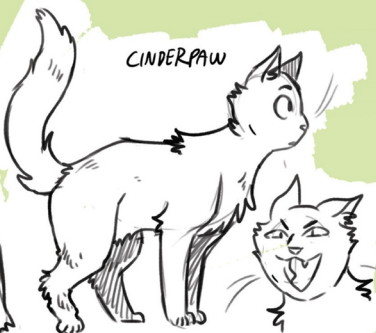
TIGERCLAW

BLUESTAR





BRACKENPAW



CINDERPAW



YELLOWFANG



CLOUDPAW



WHITESTORM



DARKSTRIFE



RUNNING WIND!



SPOTTEDLEAF



PATCHPELT



HALFTAIL

DAPPLE-TAIL



ONE-EYE



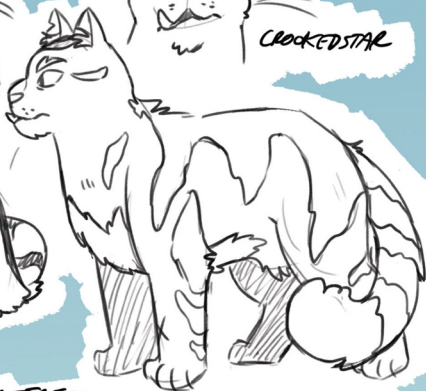




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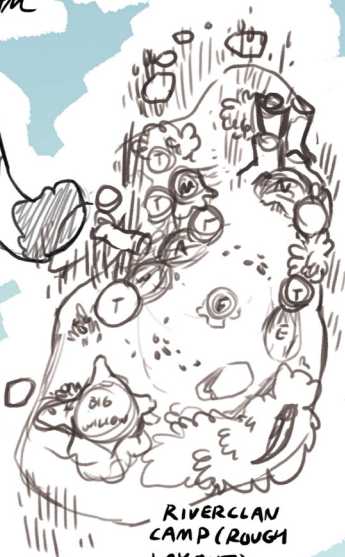
CROCKEDSTAR



SILVERSTREAM



MEW!!!

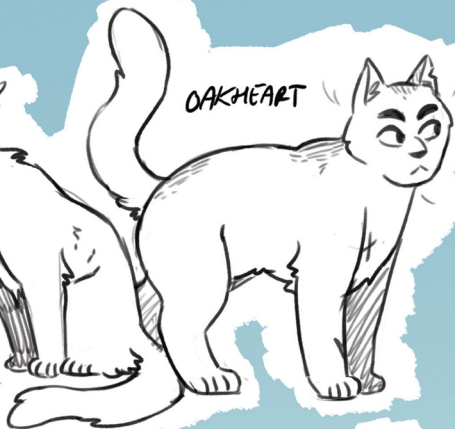


RIVERCLAN  
CAMP (ROUGH  
LAYOUT)

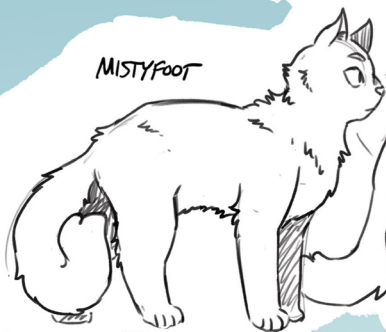
GRAYPOOL



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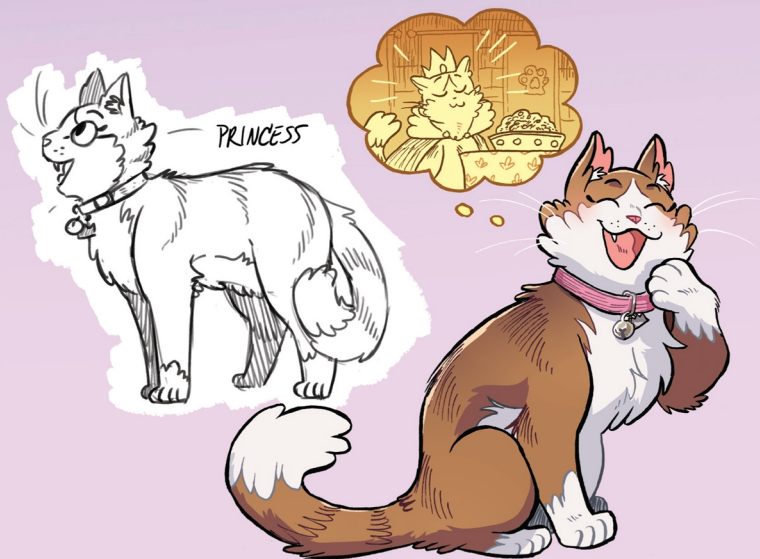


CLAWFACE!!





I wanted to add a couple more cats to Brokenstar's followers to make the group more imposing, and it's mentioned that some cats from Twolegplace also joined him. I made up a few additional rogues, seen here.







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